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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Plans
THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division
SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of the Northern
China [redacted] Missions

1. This memorandum is for your information.

2. The ELINT Processing Center [redacted] made a prompt readout of the subject missions ELINT tapes on the weekend of 7-8 November and sent a reply to AFCIN which reached AFCIN and this Agency on 9 and 10 November. Because these missions probed new areas hitherto not permitted, and because this area was of highest priority interest to the community, it seemed to me that it would be well to have an immediate evaluation of the importance of the material.

3. OSI's appreciation, attached hereto and prepared at my request, should be considered preliminary, but is nonetheless, I think, of considerable interest.

4. In the past, the Agency has felt that the ELINT Processing Center was only interested in EOB and ROB, whereas on my trip out there in May, I found they were very interested in detecting new and unusual signals and passing these, in accordance with their instructions, to ATIC for further analysis.

5. As their equipment has improved and their personnel become better trained (along with the addition of an OSI expert who is integrated into the EPC), shortcomings in this regard should be overcome.

6. A more complete assessment of the results of these missions will probably be made when there is further reporting from the [redacted] EPC on the parameters of the unidentified signals acquired.

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7. It seems to me that [] and company ought to have some idea of the value of these missions and I have proposed to Staff D that FE send a cable to [] transmitting the gist of this evaluation.

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